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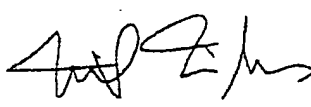
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hofmann, Wolfgang M. J.; Neves, Hercules;
MacDonald, Noel C.; and Adams, Scott G.

Application No.: 10/021,311

Filed: December 19, 2001

For: Multiple-Level Actuators
and Clamping Devices

Group No.:

Examiner:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
-- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 12, 2002.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted is enclosed.

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

III. This filing is by a small entity.

COMPLETION FEES

IV.

1. Filing Fee

Original patent application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a))

\$370.00

2. Surcharge Fees

Late payment of filing fee
and/or late filing of original
declaration or oath
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e))

\$65.00

3. Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT
COVER SHEET")

\$40.00

Total Completion Fees \$475.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

V. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the small entity fee for which is set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1), for one month.

Fee \$55.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VI. The total fee due is:

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| Completion fees | \$475.00 |
| Extension fee (if any) | \$55.00 |
| Total Fee Due | \$530.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEES

VII. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$530.00.

Please charge Account No. 10-1213 for any fees that may be due by this paper.

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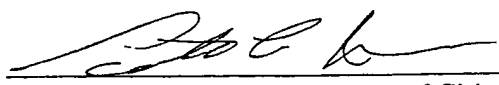
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